Views of NCW on death Sentence for Rapists

†200. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Women has rejected the proposal regarding death sentence to the rapists; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) While considering the proposal of having death sentence for rapists, the views of the National Commission for Women for not providing death penalty for rapists will be kept in mind.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Non-Payment of Electricity Bills by IDPL

973. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IDPL in Andhra Pradesh failed to pay electricity dues to State Electricity Board for the last 20 months or so; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government proposed to pay the bill in the interest of citizens staying there, who are to bear the brunt of disconnection of electricity, in the absence of non-revival of the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) IDPL has not been able to clear all the outstanding dues of Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation Ltd. And Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation Ltd. These dues will be dealt with in accordance with the decision regarding the revival of IDPL.

Revival of Ramagundam unit of FCI

†974. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India is facing closure; and

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975.if so, the measures proposed to assist the unit, located in the backward area, by ensuring implementation of revival plan submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The operations of Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) have been suspended due to exorbitantly high cost of production. The rehabilitation proposals for FCI including its Ramagundam Unit are to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government and thereafter for sanction of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Financial Assistance for transportation of Fertiliser to Maharashtra

975. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to provide special financial assistance towards transport and cost of Fertiliser to Adiwasi districts of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE I MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS {SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertiliser under price, distribution and movement control of the Government of India. The phosphatic and potassic fertilisers have been decontrolled with effect from ~ 5.8,1992. The Government of India subsithes both the cost of production and I asportation of urea as a result of which Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea is uniform throughout the country. As urea is heavily subsidised and MRP of urea is the lowest in India if compared to other countries in the region, there is no proposal for further subsidisation by way of financial assistance for transportation and cost of urea to Adiwasi districts of Maharashtra.

Decline in Production potential of Agricultural Land

†976. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHWATA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received complaints regarding

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